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Stray dogs

*40. *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to prevent the entry of stray dogs into Government Hospitals; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that doctors in Kasturba Gandhi Hospital, Triplicane, bring their pet dogs into hospital?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (*a*) The entry of stray dogs into Government Hospitals is prevented by the watchmen and other last grade staff on duty as far as possible. Weldmesh enclosures are provided to the maternity and Children's wards wherever necessary. The nurses on duty in these wards keep a close watch and prevent the entry of dogs into the wards during the visiting hours. Patients under treatment are also requested not to feed dogs.

(*b*) No, Sir.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, is it a fact that the Resident Medical Officer of the Kasturba Gandhi Hospital is walking into the wards with her dog?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : I have no such information, Sir.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. Minister at least make an enquiry into the matter? I am making a specific allegation. Will the Hon. Minister make an enquiry and find out the real position?

SRI K. ANBAZHAGAN : தலைவர் அவர்களே, வேறு நாய்கள் எதுவும் நுழையாமல் இருக்க மருத்துவ மனை ஒவ்வொன்றிலும் ஒரு நாய் வளர்க்க அரசாங்கம் ஏற்பாடு செய்யுமா?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : தலைவர் அவர்களே, நாய் வளர்க்கக் கூடாது என்று ஒரு கனம் அங்கத்தினர் கூறும்போது, மற்ற ஒரு கனம் அங்கத்தினர் வளர்க்க வேண்டுமென்று சொல்கிறாரே.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, is there any proposal to give special protection to the cradles of the children so that even though the dogs enter the wards, they cannot carry away the small children?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : The children's ward is specially protected by weldmesh.

SRI K. RAMADASS : தலைவர் அவர்களே, சென்னை நகரத்தின் வீதியில் திரிகிற நாய்களைக் கட்டுப்படுத்த யார் பொறுப்பேற்றுக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள்? அது மக்களுக்குத் தொந்திரவாக இருப்பதால், அதைத் தடுக்க ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்படுமா?

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THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : தலைவர் அவர்களே, வீதியில் திரிகிற நாய்களைப் பிடித்துக்கொண்டு போக கார்ப்பரேஷன் வான் இருக்கிறது. காலை 7 மணியிலிருந்து 12 மணி வரையிலும் மாலை 3 மணியிலிருந்து 5 மணி வரையிலும் அந்த நாய்களைப் பிடித்துக்கொண்டு போகிறார்கள்.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by he Member.**]

II—ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have received the following message from the Governor of Madras :—

'I have received with great satisfaction your resolution of thanks for the address with which I opened the present Session of the Legislature'.

(2) MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to announce to the House that I have received a message from the Hon. Speaker, Legislative Assembly, transmitting a copy of the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Amendment Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 5 of 1962), as passed by the Assembly, on the 4th May 1962, for the concurrence of the Council.

III.—GOVERNMENTBU.

DISCUSSION ON THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1962–63 AND THE SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1961–62 OF THE MADRAS STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I beg to initiate discussion on the Annual Financial Statement for 1962–63 and the Supplementary Financial Statement for 1961–62 of the Madras State Electricity Board laid on the table of this House.

As required under section 61 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, the Madras State Electricity Board after obtaining the approval of the Madras State Electricity Consultative Council constituted by the Government under section 16 of the said Act, submitted to the Government, the Annual Financial Statement for 1962–63 and the Supplementary Financial Statement for 1961–62 in February 1962. The Annual and Supplementary Financial Statements are open to discussion in the State Legislature but are not subject to vote. The Board will however take into consideration any comments made on the statements in the State Legislature as has been done in the past years.